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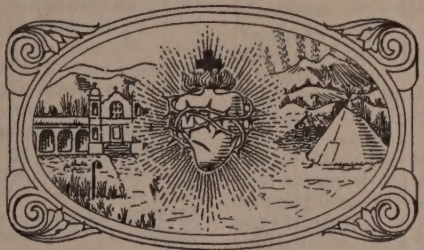

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APOSTOLATE OF THE PRESS

The importance of the press in the modern apostolate is too evident to need stressing. The press launches ideas, keeps them alive, gets them into the minds of the masses, willing or unwilling as they be,—in a word, the press makes opinion, and thus decides in great part the rise or fall of the Catholic spirit in nations, in their laws and manners. The average man thinks according to his favorite newspaper and ends by acting as he thinks. On the other hand, the press is often the only way for the Church to reach those who never come within the sound of her pulpits. The press is the only school which keeps its pupils even when they are old and gray; it knows nothing of vacations, and its teachings embrace questions of all sorts, material and social, religious and moral.

The duty of Catholics as regards their press is all the more urgent as good people in many countries are very backward. While the Godless press, numerous and well-organized, made formidable advances, Catholics in many lands hesitated as to what to do, or at most remained in the stage of organization.

Nevertheless, there is no call to despair. If Catholics will but use their powers prudently and energetically, they can develop their press (daily and weekly newspapers, magazines, books, pamphlets of all sorts), into an efficient arm for defense or religious conquest.

The **Society of Jesus** has a large share in this apostolate of the press, which it exercises **indirectly** by encouraging Catholic initiative, by preaching far and wide the necessity and duty of sustaining Catholic periodicals, and by discovering and fostering Catholic writers. **Directly**, too, the Society engages in this apostolate through the considerable number of magazines and other literature which it publishes every year,—indeed, we may say, every week. Quite recently, too, a high light has been thrown on the merits of our magazines by the ecomiums of the Sovereign Pontiff.

For some time past, the Editors of the Society's reviews (such as the "Etudes" of Paris) have held little congresses of their own to discuss ways and means of harmonizing their individual efforts and helping one another more effectively. At the last of these meetings, which took place at Rome this year from the 18th to the 20th of May, under the direction of Very Reverend Father General, it was decided to set up a Central Secretariate at Rome for the purpose of securing even more fruitful co-operation. Entering fully into the ideas of the Congress, Very Rev. Father General entrusted the realization of the project to Father Adalbert Bangha, a former editor of one of our reviews. The Central Secretariate is located

in the same building as the Civilta Cattolica, Via di Ripetta 246, Roma 9.

What then is to be expected of the Central Secretariate, and how can Ours contribute to its success?

In the first place, the Secretariate can be a center for consultation, documentation, and information for the Editors of our Reviews touching on questions of a universal character of interest to the Church at large, or at least to the whole Society. It often happens that wrong ideas, tendencies and impressions spread rapidly through the world. Criticisms and accusations against persons or things Catholic are put forth simultaneously in different countries. On such occasions, we should present a united front and seek for the best answers. Usually they will be found through the exchange of ideas among competent persons, or even at times, in directions emanating from the central authority. This latter, too, may sometimes require an article or series of articles in defense of itself, or some uniform campaign of propaganda. In such a case, a Secretariate could easily act as intermediary. It could give various information too, for example, indicating those of Ours in different provinces, who are best fitted to give reliable information on this or that particular question.

For the same purpose, too, the Secretariate should organize a service for the exclusive benefit of our reviews, and that in a two-fold manner.

First: by starting a mutual service for information at regular intervals on the religious situation and activities in each country. The Editors will be asked on certain dates to send the Secretariate a brief account (always accompanied by a short comment) of Catholic affairs which may be of general interest. The Secretariate will then send it to the other editors for use by them according to circumstances. An effort will be made, if the expense is not too great, to send these accounts to each editor already translated into his native language, or into one of the principal languages of Europe.

In the second place, circumstances permitting, brief extracts will be made of the more important articles of general interest which have appeared in our reviews, so that editors may be kept up to date in everything which may concern them, without being obliged to read everything themselves. Thus, their labor will be facilitated, and the publication of such extracts will help to increase the knowledge and esteem of our writers beyond the frontiers of their home lands. The fruit of our literary labors will also be increased: what one of our writers has worked out will soon become a common treasure. Where, under the present system, only a few thousands of our readers are affected, under the new we will be able to influence tens of thousands without expending more intellectual energy. Many edifying, instructive, or encouraging events are taking place, today in this country, tomorrow in that. Let them be known everywhere! Why should we restrict our literary activity to territorial boundaries? Why not profit by the labors and successes of our brethren? Why not use so simple and easy a way to increase the solidity of our reviews, and the accuracy and variety of the information they offer?

Once the Secretariate is founded, it will be possible to advance another step and prepare to conduct a sort of **center of information for the whole Catholic press**: religious weeklies, reviews and daily papers which are often in search of solid and useful articles. If one were only to cull from the different Catholic periodicals of the world what might interest the entire Catholic press,—were one to find able Catholic correspondents in every part of the world, it would be possible to render signal service to our press by sending it from week to week a number of well chosen items, to be made use of at pleasure. It would be a regular news service, a sort of Catholic agency, international and polyglot, something long needed and desired. No institution better fitted for the task can be found then an organization like that of the Society; no place more apt than Rome, the center of the Catholic world, the name of which, to a certain degree, is a guarantee of Catholicity, supernationality, and impartiality. True, the delay in receiving information, owing to the use of the postoffice

only, for transmitting it, may leave a little to be desired; unfortunately the cost of telegraphic service is far beyond our present poverty. But this defect will be counterbalanced at least partially, by the accuracy of the information and the service. In fact, many informative articles will prove very useful even though they are not 'news" in the sense of the "Daily Items" in a newspaper. How many such articles can be sent forth from such a center to the press of all countries! What a benefit for the Catholic press, if the Secretariate and its correspondents are equal to their task! What a help such an organization would be to the Church and to Catholics suffering persecution in one country or other! What a help even to the Society! If one could succeed by degrees in bringing short, pointed articles and other information to a hundred or many hundred dailies and reviews, week by week, an almost incalculable number of readers would be influenced for the better; Catholics would become more deeply conscious of their rights and their power; their activities would be better co-ordinated; they themselves would stand higher in public opinion everywhere. What prospects here of a true world apostolate for the Society!

Nevertheless, we must make haste slowly. A modest commencement will be made by attending simply to the Society's reviews. Preparation will be made from the beginning for the wider activities outlined above. It will depend on all of us to hasten its development.

The Editors of our reviews are the first persons whose co-operation is sought in a work which can render them much service. We beg them to indicate every time their articles are of general interest, to have a short resume of them made if possible by their authors, and to send us in all cases the first proofs so that our labor of summarizing and translating articles may be practically at an end the moment the original article is published. We beg them also to let us know who are the best authorities in their countries on the different phases of Catholic life and action.

Our writers are also requested to send us their works, accompanied by a resume of the essential points and of whatever they wish to be featured in our reviews.

Our professors and other learned men, as well as our missionaries and other apostolic men, can furnish us with much valuable news, information and suggestion touching their studies or their personal experiences: such are short news-items, useful hints, practical ideas, reports, statistics, successful methods, etc.; a striking conversion, the significant admission of an adversary, the persecutions, acts of violence or injustice which the enemies of the Church feel they can inflict on her, as long as public opinion is not aroused; the endeavors, struggles, hopes and triumphs of Catholics; their merits in scientific and literary fields or in social and patriotic action (without entering into party politics); the progress of Catholicism, its difficult ties, its heroes;—such is the daily bread of the press. Here, it is plain, there is ample opportunity for co-operation on the part of our correspondents.

Special importance is attributed to the communications which we hope to receive from our missionaries in pagan lands. Account must be taken of the fact that missionary magazines, useful though they undoubtedly are, do not reach more than a small fraction of the public, namely, pious Catholics who are already interested in the missions. The great public, even the Catholic section of it, hardly ever hears of the missions. If our missionaries help us to interest the readers of good newspapers in the successes or trials of their missions, they will do much for the salvation of souls, and will multiply apostles and alms. What a number of extremely interesting articles, and details in the field of religion, ethnography, morals, history, etc., can be furnished by each of our missionaries!

It is clear then that ours can, in proportion to their zeal, aid us in developing our Center of Information, and in prosecuing this hidden apostolate of continual influence on public opinion. Above all by helping us in our beginnings,—which must necessarily be difficult, as we must feel our way very often,—they will help the Society to take the lead in a movement on which may depend in large measure the progress or decay, the victory or defeat of

Catholicism in our times.

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SACRED HEART NOVITIATE.

Father Master Honored—March 7 was the feast day of Father Master and through the kindness of Rev. Father Provincial, we were able to spend the day quietly in his honor. Though everything was conducted with very little show, there was no mistaking the warmth of feeling with which the whole community wished to express their congratulations and their best wishes.

Real Progress—With great pleasure we have seen our library recently enriched by some three hundred new volumes with a prospect of others to follow. All our books are being arranged according to the Dewey System. Many of the new books will serve excellently for reference work, making it possible for our essays and academies to become something of real merit and worth. Most treasured are fourteen volumes of the new Cambridge History of English Literature and a fine set of the Delphini edition of Latin classics. Friends and benefactors are coming to realize how much we value books and it is their generosity that has made it possible for us to put our library on a most respectable footing. Many prayers and Holy Communions have been offered for the well-being of the donors and in thanksgiving to God for His many favors.

Practical Elocution—Remarkable good has been derived from our elocution classes. Subjects for extempore speaking are assigned to be treated from all angles by a definite group. Some little research is necessary to be able to speak on these topics and there is a consequent acquisition of depth in study, while at the same time all become well informed on points which every Catholic educator should have at his fingers' end. These extempore talks are preceded by the usual set and memorized pieces and also by a few minutes at gestures, in which all participate.

Impetus for Essayists — There is increased activity among Juniors of the second year as a result of the recent requirement which obliges each one to submit an essay of five hundred words before April 15 in order to obtain a Junior certificate.

Looking to the Future—To adequately provide for Christmas decorations in future years we have set out a number of young fir trees at the villa. As we are grateful to past generations who provided for us in this regard, we hope that the Novices of the future will feel like sentiments.

LOYOLA COLLEGE.

New Building—Grading and the preliminary excavations necessary for the New Faculty Building have been rushed during the past week. Pouring of the cement for the foundation will begin immediately. There is great hope that the building will be ready for occupancy in September.

Sickness—Father N. Bell has been in the St. Vincent's hospital for the past two weeks. How long he will have to remain there is a matter of pure conjecture. After many ineffective treatments he was ordered to the hospital for observation. Many X-rays were taken and finally the cause of his ailments revealed. A large duodenal ulcer is infecting his system. The cure the doctor is giving is that of perfect rest and a starvation diet.

Victory—Saturday, March 13, witnessed one of the greatest triumphs in the history of debating at Loyola, when the college debating team met and defeated by unanimous decision the experienced and talented debating team from Marquette University. Loyola upheld the affirmative of the interesting subject, "Resolved, That This House Pities Its Grandchildren." How much credit is due to Loyola's representatives and to the direction of Father Fox may be judged by the fact that this same Marquette team defeated St. Louis University and the famous Cambridge University of England on the same topic.

Gift—Through the kindness of one of our benefactors the college has recently been given a very beautiful and valuable chalice. Its workmanship is of the finest type. But over and above its extrinsic value there is attached to it something that makes it even more estimable. The chalice was secured in Rome

itself and was used by our Holy Father in the Sacrifice of Holy Mass.

Sodality—The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, hampered so long by want of a chapel, has resumed its proper place among the college organizations. There is one Sodality for the College Department under the direction of Father Fox and two Sodalities, the Senior and Junior for the High School. The Junior Sodality, composed of students from second and first year, is under the direction of Mr. Robidoux. The Senior, consisting of students from the two upper classes, are under the direction of Mr. Leahy. Only those students who have a recommended grade in conduct and application have been admitted as members.

ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE.

Novena of Grace—The Novena of Grace was a season of exceptional fervor in our Church and School. Each day the professor who opened the morning class led his pupils in the recitation of the prayers of the Novena. In the Church the prayers were recited after each Mass, and there was a special service at a quarter past four in the afternoon, with a short sermon, Novena prayers and Benediction. A similar service was held each evening. The numbers that attended throughout were very gratifying. More than 8000 received Holy Communion during the Novena.

Villa—A new Villa has been purchased on the shores of Clear Lake, in Lake county, to supplant the loss of Manresa. The new property has some 30 acres, 12 of which are planted in walnuts. There is a lake frontage of 300 feet. Clear lake is the largest body of water entirely within the limits of California; it is 23 miles long, and has a beautiful setting. Lake county is called the "Switzerland of California." All who have seen the new property are highly enthusiastic and declare it the finest villa site in this country.

Standard—St. Ignatius high school has received a commendatory letter from the University of California stating that all St. Ignatius students who have matriculated at that University, have successfully passed all examinations and that they have all maintained such standards of scholarship as to place them in the upper third of their classes.

Loyalty—To aid the Liquidation fund, a group of Catholic young folks have been formed into a Dramatic Club, called "The Loyola Players." The new club will produce as its first play, "Peg o' My Heart," a charming comedy. It is their intention that from the proceeds of their plays, the club will be enabled to make a substantial monthly contribution to the liquidation of the debt of the Church.

Lent—The Lenten lectures have been drawing very large crowds. To accommodate the many who came 700 extra chairs were placed in the Church, which exclusive of the chairs but including the lower gallery, seats 2300 people.

Ministry—Father Kavanagh is to preach all of Holy Week,—Thursday, Three Hours and Easter at the Cathedral at Sacramento. Father Gleeson will preach all the Holy Week sermons at the Cathedral at Fresno. Father Carroll will give the Three Hours at St. Ignatius. In all ten of the Fathers at St. Ignatius are to preach the Three Hours on Good Friday either in the city or in the surrounding towns.

UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CLARA

Publicity Campaign — The Engineering Society of the University is rapidly formulating plans for an extensive advertising campaign in order to attract new students to the University at the beginning of the next school year. The present idea is to obtain from the pastors and the heads of Catholic high schools, the names of those who are prospective candidates. Pamphlets containing descriptions of the University, the courses offered, and pictures of the various buildings, will be sent to all whose names are sent in, and it is hoped that by this means many new students will be attracted to Santa Clara.

Marquette Defeated—By a unanimous vote of the judges, the debating team representing the Philalethic Senate of the University of Santa Clara defeated the team of Marquette University. The question was: "Resolved, That This House Pities Its Grandchildren." The Senate team upheld the affirmative. A few days previously, the Marquette team met the Stanford team, and, having the affirmative side of the

University of Santa Clara and as a pastor in that community of more than 52 years. He is said to have married and buried more persons than any other priest in the county.

Born in Bonifacio, Corsica, April 5, 1844, he entered the Society of Jesus September 1, 1862, at the novitiate in the kingdom of Monaco on the coast of Italy, remaining there as a student until 1865. Next he went to Roehampton, near London in 1866 where he remained until 1867, after which he went to Stonyhurst, England, to study philosophy. He completed this studies at Stonyhurst in 1869.

Came in 1871

In 1871 the young Jesuit came to America, becoming instructor of English at St. Ignatius college, of San Francisco. In 1879 he was ordained as a priest in San Francisco with the late Robert Kenna, S. J., who later became president of the University of Santa Clara.

Archbishop Sadeo Alemany of San Francisco presided at the ordination ceremony. Father Raggio said his first mass in the old Mission church on the Santa Clara campus that same year, and took his final vows as a member of the Jesuit order November 1, 1880.. From 1872 to 1876 he taught at St. Ignatius' being a member of the faculty of the University of Santa Clara from 1876 to 1879. During these years he completed his theological studies.

Pastor

Father Raggio was pastor of St. Clare's church in Santa Clara for more than 40 years, undertaking these duties shortly after coming to Santa Clara. He retired in 1929. Besides attending to the needs of parishoners in Santa Clara, he also visited those in Los Gatos, Saratoga and Mountain View.

For 38 years he was chaplain at the Agnew State hospital, retiring from these duties in 1929. He made the trip to Agnew by horse and buggy. During one of these trips he became involved in a train accident, suffering the loss of his right eye.

Linguist

His ability to speak English, Italian, French, Spanish and Portuguese made his services as a parish priest more effective.

In 1912 he celebrated his golden jubilee as a member of the Society of Jesus, the occasion being used to dedicate the Raggio Gate, the Alameda entrance to the university.

In 1929 he celebrated his golden jubilee as an ordained priest.

SAN FRANCISCO

The Dons

After long discussion by a committee of sixteen members, four from the liberal arts student body, four from the alumni, four from the law college student body, four from the faculty, a new name was chosen in December 1931 instead of "Gray Fog."

The Chamber of Commerce objected to the splendor of San Francisco's climate being dampened by write-ups on gray fog. As the old name had never been popular with the student body of the University of San Francisco, there was no difficulty in cooperating with the Chamber of Commerce in the search for a better name. Even Hatlo the cartoonist objected to the old name, saying to those who found fault because he did not feature the University more that he could not draw a picture of a gray fog.

Of 128 names submitted, all animals were discarded as not being of avail to designate the other activities of the University: The name, "The Dons," recalls the days of Portola, and is replete with San Francisco's days of splendor, and can be used to designate literary societies, honor clubs, and all the other many activities of university life.

New Director

Father James Taylor has been appointed Director of the Gentlemen's Sodality.

Cemetery

The former option on the Masonic Cemetery has been cancelled, and efforts are being made to obtain a reduction on the original price of $690,000. Mr. Scaler has asked $590,000; but this figure is not low enough for the Fathers, particularly as the Odd Fellows offer their cemetery for $300,000.

Bagdad Incorporated

The University of San Francisco is one of the nine institutions in the United States which lend their moral support to the future College at Bagdad. The nine institutions are: Georgetown U., Fordham U., Boston College, Holy Cross, St. Louis U., Detroit U., Loyola U. (Chicago and

New Orleans), San Francisco U. The position on this board carries no financial obligations and gives no administrative control.

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BELLARMINE PREP

Sodalists

It was edifying to see sixty-nine candidates received into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin during solemn high mass on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Father James Malone, sodality director, was celebrant; Father Wallace Austin, deacon; Mr. John J. Preston, subdeacon; Mr. Frank Schoenberg, master of ceremonies.

New Shrine

A statue of Our Lady, ordered by the students last July, arrived at Bellarmine December 1. Following the May devotions last year, a move was started by the sophomore class to raise a fitting shrine. Generous subscriptions made possible the selection of a life size figure from the models of Kaletta Company of St. Louis. A corps of students turned out shortly after its arival, to prepare a spot among the garden trees. An artisan is constructing a bower patterned on the one near the road at Los Gatos.

Social Hall

Bellarmine Guild undertook a big "job" when it ambitioned founding a social hall for the students. The remodeling of the room was finished early this semester; and now the furnishing is completed. A clubroom atmosphere was effected by heraldic curtains, smoked oak tables, leather clubroom sets and rockers, etc. The formal presentation to the school will take place with appropriate ceremony on the afternoon of January 5.

One Act Plays

Mr. Aruthur H. Kenny merited much praise for his work with the three one act plays. Unknown to us a feature writer of a local paper saw the main performance and next day published a rather long article favorably criticising the selections, individual actors and coach.

Renovation

Fr. Malone gave the renovation triduums at Santa Clara and Bellarmine Prep.

HOLY FAMILY

Missions

Fathers Tranchese and Cavallanti have so far 36 missions and triduums to give. By December 1, they had given 10.

ST. JOSEPH'S

Christmas Services

Midnight High Mass at Notre Dame Convent, Father Laherty.

Midnight Mass at St. Joseph's, Father Grisez, celebrant; Father Ivancovich, deacon; Father Simpson, subdeacon.

The low masses were at the usual hours, until 11:00 when there was a second Solemn High; Father Laherty, celebrant and preacher; Father Simpson, deacon; Father Nestor, subdeacon.

A professional choir of twenty voices sang the mass under the direction of C. A. Fitzgerald, organist.

High Mass at Holy Family, 5:30 a. m., Father Simpson.

Visitor

V. R. Father Francis Menager, Superior of Alaska, spent three days at St. Joseph's.

Sick

Brother Twohig was very sick for two or three weeks. He had made his retreat at Los Gatos, and came home feeling splendid. But his old diabetic trouble returned in a bad form, and put him to bed.

Baptisms

In December Father Ivancovich baptized five children, who are brothers and sisters, ranging in age from six years to one. Through carelessness, their baptism had been put off. There should have been six children, but death suddenly carried off the two-year old, two days before. This hurried up matters. The Holy Family Sisters brought the group to receive the sacrament.

St. Joseph's Bulletin

Anyone who has ever seen the Church Calendar which Father Thornton puts out each month, is deeply interested in the monthly, and is apt to say at once that it is the best calendar edited in the country.

This is what others believe and practice, for it is safe to say that no other bulletin in the country is so widely copied, quoted, taken bodily by church bulletin editors as this one.

Father Villa, who was called to Rome last year, has just returned to the States from the Holy Land for a short visit as Secretary to the Patriarch of Jerusalem. He will return shortly to resume the duties for which he was originally called thither.

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Mr. "Mike" Egan, formerly on the staff of Gonzaga, is a recent addition to the faculty of St. Ignatius College, where his brother, Father Louis, is also teaching.

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The building fund of St. Ignatius, begun last December, has taken on such creditable proportions that the long-dreamed-of College seems to be approaching very near to a reality; surveyors were recently on the property taking measurements for the plans.

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Fr. R. Bell and Father Corbett gave a two weeks' mission at St. Philip's Church, San Francisco. It is the first visit of Fr. Corbett to his native city, which he left when only two months old.

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Father Thomas Cashman, a friend of Ours in Los Angeles, died recently and was, at the request of the family, buried from our church in Hollywood. R. I. P.

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Major Lanphier of the U. S. Aviation Service and a member of the Wilkins Expedition is an alumnus of Creighton University.

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A very high tribute was paid to Father Algue on the occasion of his resignation, on account of advanced age, from the direction of the Meteorological Observatory of Manila, by the 'Journal of the American Chamber of Commerce" of that city.

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Mr. Jos. Bluett, a Junior of Shadowbrook, "presented" before a distinguished audience the entire works of Virgil for public translation and appreciation. The presentation proved his thorough knowledge of the subject, a fact clearly brought out by the well prepared questions of his fellow Rhetoricians.

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A redistribution has been made in regard to the Mindanao Mission (Philippines). Unless some other religious order be found to take it, Md-NY must sooner or later be prepared to take it over from the Province of Aragon. For the time being, the Spanish Jesuits will retain Zamboanga and the suthermost part of Mindanao, together with portions of Borneo and Zulu. The Holland Fathers of the Divine Word will take the northernmost section.

Very Reverend Father General has assigned to Md-NY the districts of Misamis, Bukidnon and Lanao in the northern and more central part of the island. Md-NY is to begin work this year, sending Fathers, if possible, from America, or transferring Fathers from Manila to Mindanao. A call for at least ten volunteers has been sent out. In the districts named there are 115,790 Catholics, 49,000 Aglipayans and heretics, and 143,000 pagans, mostly Mohammedan Moros in Lanao. The English language will not be of much use. Scholastics are not particularly needed at this time.

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The "Grand Old Man of St. Andrew's" (Poughkeepsie), Brother Bowes, recently celebrated his Golden Jubilee. Father Clark, Rector of St. Andrew's, had similarly celebrated a short time before.

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The Sisters and children at Akularak, after four months camping in their crowded quarters in the church, were able to move into their new building in time to start school as usual. Even now they have not got sufficient accommodation and Rev. Father Delon is planning to meet the difficulty next summer. As funds are low and as work is to start as soon as the weather permits, before the arrival of the boats, he is compelled to buy some abandoned buildings for needed material.

Early in March he succeeded in acquiring the big abandoned hotel and warehouse at Andreaffsky for $1,500. The buildings will be torn down and the lumber brought down the river to Akularak.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture sends out the following account of the weather at Juneau during the winter months: November — Mean temperature 40.4, highest 54, lowest 30; December—Mean 38.2, highest 58, lowest 28. January—Mean 39.6, highest 50, lowest 26. Days with 32 degrees or less—November, four; December, twelve; January, eight.